

The Shoco and a father's advice

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It is 2034 and little Maria came running up the stairs.

"Daddy, daddy" she shouted, "I just saw a little bird go into a hole in the sand. Will it come out back?"

"Do not worry my little darling" he said, "that is the Shoco, it is our National bird, and it also lives in the ground."

"For a very long time you will enjoy its presence. About twenty years ago by decree it was proclaimed the National bird of Aruba. Enjoy its presence and always take good care of it." □